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By Email

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Dear Parent / Carer

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, we will now be providing your child with a home testing kit; these tests will help staff and pupils to remain in school safely.

### **At home rapid lateral flow testing for Secondary and Sixth Form pupils - kits to be issued to all pupils every Friday starting on 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

From 19<sup>th</sup> March the school will issue rapid lateral flow device testing kits to all pupils. We will issue 1 box containing 3 test kits in each. The instructions and how to upload the results of the tests to the NHS Test and Trace Service are included in each box.

The reasons for the government request for every Secondary and Sixth Form age pupil to participate in this testing can be found on the <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

The testing is voluntary. However, we strongly encourage your child to take part so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus and can better protect everyone in school and the local community.

Each pupil is asked to self-test twice a week, on Monday and Thursday morning before they come into school. Allow about 5 minutes to conduct the test and 30 minutes for the results. Your child will be shown a video to explain the procedure. It is a very simple test to carry out.

As well as communicating the results to NHS Test and Trace, we ask you (as does the government) to communicate the results to school via the google form you will be sent in a separate email, to inform us of the test results, whether they are positive, negative or void. Ideally, you will do this as soon as you get the test result.

When you email the result please clearly type in your email your child's

- Full name
- Year group
- Form
- Date of birth

This will enable us to accurately record the result. The result is for information purposes and will be added to the inventory.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Alex Rosen  
Acting Head of School